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POLICE REPORT

Rape reported

Tyler Sharp | COLLEGIAN

A rape was reported to the Riley County Police Department according to Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr.

The rape occurred in the southwest part of Manhattan and the victim is under 18. Crosby said the victim and suspect are acquaintances.

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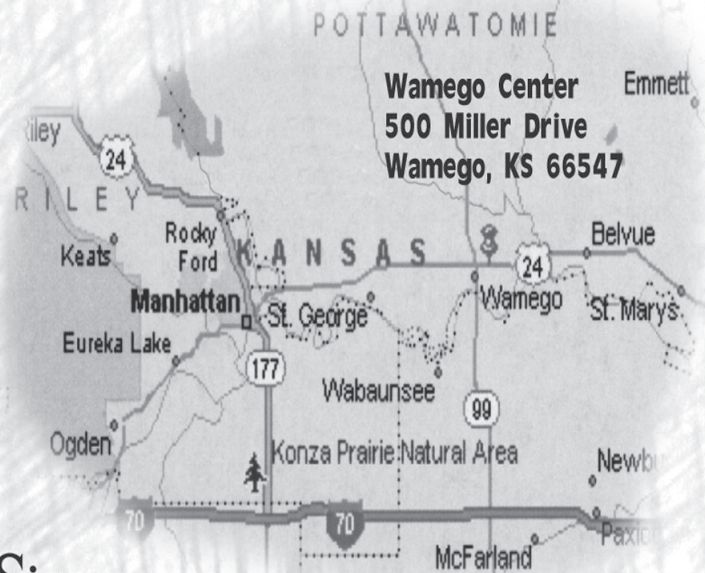
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Caleb Fisher | COLLEGIAN

Grungy Jobs: washing dishes, cleaning at Derby Dining Center

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

As I entered the basement of the Derby Dining Center, I saw students with soot-caked faces, beads of sweat running down their weathered cheeks. Their shackled hands were raw from the metal handcuffs that dug into their skin as their nostrils burned from the acrid stench of banned cleaning products and overflowing trash heaps. From somewhere far in the distance, a chain-gang of indentured students chanted a morose chorus of “Look down, look down, you’re standing in your grave” from “Les Misérables.” Between the heat of the fires burning rampant – a warning for insubordinate workers – and the supervisors lashing students who were falling to the floors in bitter agony, a full scene of “Dante’s Inferno” was playing out in front of me.

At least, those were my expectations before touring the behind-the-scenes facility that, otherwise left unattended, would force students eating at the Derby Dining Center to do what all have feared and loathed since infancy: clean the dishes.

In fact, the dish washing area of the main dining center for students housed in the Derby residence hall complex on campus is a remarkably congenial working environment, in spite of the dirty job that they are performing.

When students finish their meal and place their dishes onto the conveyor belt in the eating

area, a machine transports them down a floor – yes, conveyor belts can go up and down – as my guide, Katie Jones, sophomore in history and literature and a student supervisor at the dining center, showed me. From there, student workers quickly scrub the dishes and pass them down the line to the next worker, who sorts them into bins, which are placed into the monolithic dish washing unit. After a nice bath, they emerge piping hot and ready to be sorted for future use.

But the facility is not all about mindless work. Alisha Sommerville, senior in social sciences and a student supervisor, said the job is “alright” because it is more laid-back than some, pointing upward toward the kitchen area. She said they are allowed to play their own music, have the occasional dance party (but don’t tell the managers) and talk to each other in a casual setting, which makes work easier.

Jones said she agreed that the dish room is an enjoyable atmosphere, citing the ability to work in various functions and the rich conversations.

“I like working in the dish room because of the people,” Jones said. “There are people from so many different backgrounds.”

As I departed from the well-lit, lighthearted dish room, my perception will no longer include filthy slaves, waiting torture chambers or tyrannical czars brandishing whips. Check back next week for further grungy jobs.

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High consumerism in U.S., Europe leads to destruction of earth



Mayra Rivarola

Less is more, and much better.

The health of the U.S. economy is based on consumer confidence. High consumer confidence results in high consumption rates which has led to incredible worldwide economic growth. Modern patterns of consumerism have other direct and indirect consequences as well, like rising sea levels, soaring temperatures, biodiversity loss, natural resources depletion and social unrest.

Last week, World Watch Institute, an environmentalist research organization issued a re-

port advising a shift to a more frugal and sustainable living to avoid further environmental devastation. According to the report, per capita consumption rates of natural resources tripled from 1960 to 2006 worldwide, taking into account population growth. In 2006, the United States accounted for 32 percent of total global expenditure.

Roughly 7 percent of the world's population is responsible for 50 percent of CO2 emissions. The majority of this 7 percent resides in Europe and the United States.

An average American uses about 90 kilograms of natural resources daily while a European uses half that amount.

According to The Earth Network, at the current population and consumption levels, we would need 5 1/3 planets to support ourselves. There are simply not enough resources

on earth to extend this level of consumption to a population of six billion and growing.

Even if governments manage to effectively cap population growth and shift to renewable energy, neither would be enough to reverse levels of environmental degradation.

To produce enough energy to cover current consumption levels, according to a World Watch Institute report, the world would need to build 200 square meters of solar panels every second, 100 square meters of solar thermal every second and 24 3-megawatt wind turbines every hour for the next 25 years.

A fundamental change in patterns of consumption is needed if we want to continue living on a healthy planet. The statistics and numbers to support this theory are complex, but the conclusion is not.

Modern capitalism is in a crisis. There are no viable solu-

tions that will enable humans to maintain the health of the planet while sustaining the system.

If we want to maintain sustainable living, then we cannot continue to consume the way we are today. It destroys the environment and has transformed us into a materialistic society, valuing brand names over relationships and technology over physical contact.

Living a simpler life will not only help people save money, but it will also give parents more time to spend with their children and young people more time to socialize and share, strengthening families and communities.

Unless a transformation from consumerism to frugality comes soon, the earth will send us the bill. And it will be quite high.

Mayra Rivarola is a senior in mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

CONFESSIONS

Allergies, ex make bad combo

As part of the new look and feel to the K-State Collegian, a new column called "Wildcat Confessions" will be run every Friday. Participate by confessing your sins and darkest secrets in a 300-500 word letter of regret. E-mail to hmloftus@ksu.edu by Wednesday. This confession was written by an anonymous Collegian staffer. The name of the person in the article has been changed.

It has been entirely too long since you read your last confession. So for reader enjoyment, I present the following:

I'll admit I've had my share of bad situations through my young adult years. I have a certain knack for getting into trouble and if I'm not the one in trouble, I'm usually bailing out someone who is. Although I'm a smart person, I also tend to use poor judgment in addition to my mischief-making skills. This always makes for a weird story or an awkward explanation. There is one particular moment that stands out in my mind at the moment. This isn't serious, but still to this day, it makes me laugh.

Awhile back, my best friend was feeling a bit smothered in her relationship. Her boyfriend was craving 24/7 contact, and things were just moving too fast for her liking. Being the good friend that I am, I accompanied Erin to a certain garage where we played one (or two, or four) too many games of beer pong one summer night to blow off some steam.

Erin, being the lightweight, compulsive girl that she is, ended upstairs in the house with a guy a couple years older than her. In the meantime, the cops managed to show up too, and I had to hide behind a poky bush. This has nothing to do with the story; I just thought I'd throw that out there. Of course, the boyfriend started asking questions about what went on and what happened, to which no one had a good reply.

To remedy this issue, Erin called me a few days later, begging me not to talk to the boyfriend and to keep everything a secret. I did. She asked if I would go out and talk to her for a while and drive around. Once again, Erin started drinking, so I just cruised around with her in her truck. We decided to go watch a movie but Erin was a little too tipsy to handle a movie (we snuck in, anyway) and she ended up stealing the movie theater broom and trucking it out the door while I chased her and apologized to patrons.

We drove an hour to her ex-boyfriend's house on her request, but nothing happened between the two of them. But here's the catcher - In their intoxicated state, someone at the ex's house dared Erin to eat a leaf out of the houseplant on the floor. Of course, she did and she had an allergic reaction and broke out badly. I ended up dropping her off at her current boyfriend's house at 2 a.m. He asked me a bunch of questions and I still covered her butt and to this day, he still has no idea about any of this, thanks to my good secret-keeping skills. That's my confession. I'm sorry, Mr. Boyfriend. It didn't work out anyway.

Farm Bill subsidies are expensive, unnecessary



Beth Mendenhall

Every few years, the U.S. Congress passes a bloated, earmark-laden bill that spends hundreds of billions of dollars on programs proven to weaken the economy, degrade the environment and tarnish our image abroad.

Despite vocal and well-supported opposition spanning the political spectrum, the legislation is supported by one of the most powerful interest groups in existence. Though it has a profound impact on our daily lives, few Americans know about the massive agricultural subsidies doled out by the Farm Bill.

The Farm Bill distributes 10 to 35 billion dollars in cash subsidies to farmers every year. Compare that to the 5.4 billion FY2010 budget for the entire state of Kansas.

Let me begin by dispelling some myths surrounding the iconic small farmer. They don't produce much

of the food we eat, they aren't all poor, and they don't receive many subsidies. While statistically there is a significant number of small farms, measured by acreage or productive output, they hold only a tiny portion of the market. In 2005, the average income of farm households was 26 percent higher than the average for all U.S. households. Agricultural subsidies disproportionately support big agribusiness; the Environmental Working Group reports that, on average, the biggest 10 percent of farms receive 76 percent of farm subsidies. Lacking caps on direct payments, and regulations governing recipients, the Farm Bill frequently doles out hundreds of thousands of dollars to millionaire farmers like David Rockefeller.

The farm subsidy system is extremely complicated. Programs are generally crop specific and take diverse forms. Direct payments, price supports, and marketing loans are just some examples. Five crops: corn, wheat, rice, cotton and soybeans receive over 90 percent of agriculture subsidies. Fruits and vegetables receive negligible support.

The majority of agricultural subsidies are self-justifying, in that they distort the market in a way that justifies more subsidy payments. They encourage farmers to overproduce, whether because payments are tied to production or because the government will purchase the excess. The result is supermarkets flooded with cheap, unhealthy foods based on the most supported commodities. It's the reason high-fructose corn syrup is in everything and why corn and grain-fed meat is artificially inexpensive. It's why poor people eat more McDonalds than fresh produce. Those low prices also create political momentum for, you guessed it, more subsidies.

The subsidy-welfare system keeps U.S. agricultural markets from innovating. Export subsidies make our products artificially competitive in international markets and direct and counter-cyclical payments create a disincentive for diversifying land use and cutting costs. Even worse for the health of our economy, our trade-distorting agricultural subsidies are the biggest impediment to World

Trade Organization agreements that would open international markets for producers and give greater access to imports for consumers.

Some subsidies, like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, allow farmers to escape responsibility for environmental degradation by subsidizing cleanup. Subsidy programs and trade barriers encourage overuse of fertilizers and draw untouched land into agricultural use. Florida sugar farmers, recipients of some of the most egregious subsidy payments, are causing substantial destruction to the Everglades while remaining uncompetitive with global producers.

The Farm Bill includes provisions for domestic and international food aid. These aid programs are tainted by concentrated support for the main commodity crops. The National School Lunch Program, food stamps and foreign aid were designed as price supports for dairy, meat and the big crop commodities. The government buys up millions of pounds of surplus milk annually, converts it to powdered form and sends it to countries

with majority lactose-intolerant populations. Children are fed fatty meats, cheeses and corn products at school every day because fruit and vegetable growers have not politically mobilized as effectively.

The massive agriculture subsidies found in the Farm Bill are the reflection of a deeply entrenched lobby that mobilizes effectively to quash political dissent. If farm subsidies ended, U.S. agriculture would not disappear overnight. Like any other industry, producers would adjust to the free market by diversifying and innovating. Inefficient producers would be forced out of the market, as they should be. New Zealand, a state whose economy relies heavily on agricultural exports, did it in 1984 and has seen overwhelmingly positive results.

Food production is vitally important to every American, and whether or not billions of our tax-dollars are spent distorting the market is not a decision that should be left to interest groups.

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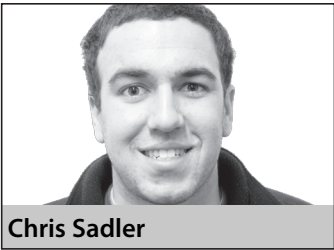
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Just Fooling Around

Crossing the line in prank wars: how far is too far?



Chris Sadler

Steven Wells came home after break to witness a prank gone too far.

“When I got home from Christmas break I walked in my room to find it destroyed,” Wells said, sophomore in construction science. “There was a rusty shopping cart in my bed and all my belongings in my room where thrown on the floor or around the room. I was not very happy,” he said.

His roommates had retaliated to an earlier prank that Wells had pulled, except it seemed they had crossed the line. Prank wars are often elaborate, sometimes intense, and humorous, but are there lines that should be drawn for this mischief?

Prank Wars are a great time killer whether in the dorms, Greek houses or your own apartment or house. I know based from personal experience that prank wars are spontaneous and are never planned. It usually begins when one individual thinks it would be funny to mess with another, and after the prank is complete, the prank victim wants to retaliate, starting the prank war.

Prank wars are usually continuous until either an individual gives up or someone crosses the line; in the instances I have been a part of, they usually end in someone crossing the line.

For example: changing your roommate’s alarm on a test date is not funny or original, it’s just downright mean. It is important to know where the line is and not cross it. Though it may look funny to you to watch your roommate panic as he gets up realizing he is late for his test, in the long run it’s going to ruin the prank war. The issue is where



Photo illustration by Erin Poppe

is the line? No one wants to be a softy in a prank war, but no one wants to take it too far. The key is to determine where to stop.

The line in a prank war can be based a few factors. One of these would be humor; it has to be funny. Leaving your roommate’s car in a “no parking” zone and watching it get towed is not listed in many people’s idea of “funny.” The prank should be looked at as humorous in the eyes of both pranker and the prankee, even after it occurs. If large doses of anger and swear words are likely to follow the prank, it is probably not a good idea.

Another factor is damage control. How much damage is your prank going to cause? Does it affect something that is irreplaceable or expensive?

DO

- Keep it between friends
- Know where the line is
- Pick Sides
- Space out your pranks
- Be creative/original

If so, it should probably be off limits. Wallets and valuables fall into this category. Hiding your roommate’s wallet isn’t funny and it just causes a hassle.

Factoring in your roommate’s personal issues is another idea that should be taken into caution. Say your roommate is a neat freak; don’t go trashing his room just to watch him have a mental breakdown when he sees it. That is more of a sick joke than a prank. The line can

DON'T

- Be destructive
- Mess with social networking
- Do anything that could affect grades
- Use silly string

also be crossed when individuals who are not in the war become involved. Pranking your roommate’s girlfriend who stays over some nights may be a recipe for disaster. All of these factors should be taken into consideration, for where the line is drawn may seem simple and common knowledge, but, the idea of common knowledge may go out the window for some.

Prank wars are great fun, and, in the right hands can be humorous, contagious and a

blast with ones roommates. It is just saddening that all this good fun can be ruined by one joke that steps over the boundaries. Since pranks can be hard to come by and no one wants to be that guy who crosses the line, a good place to look for prank ideas is Funnypracticaljokes.com

Here is a humorous example to contemplate: “For this funny prank take your friend’s drink, preferably a non-fizzy drink, and load it with salt. Whiskey works best. Prepare a few drinks for you and your mates then challenge them to down it in one go! Make sure you know which drink is the salty one! Wait till you see your friend’s face!”

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Romantic comedy lacks focus

“The Invention of Lying”

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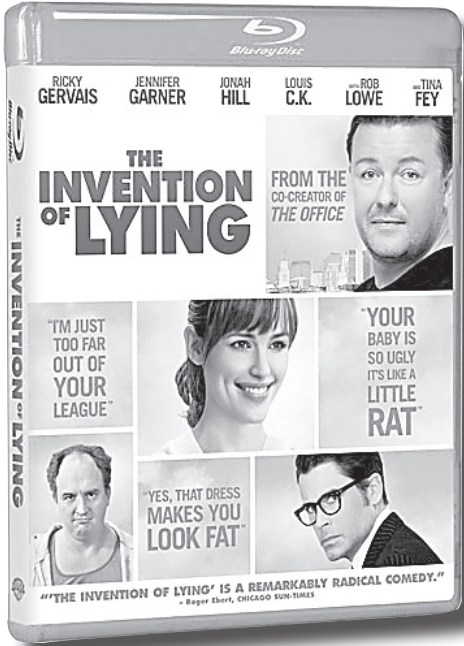
Movie review by Patrick Bales

If a movie were judged simply by its basic idea or concept, “The Invention of Lying” would be one of the best movies of the year. This film creates an awesome alternate reality where lying hasn’t even been invented. Everyone says what he or she is thinking. They never exaggerate, nor do they mince their words to make what they have to say sound better. They speak the cold honest truth. Here, doctors are not afraid to tell patients that they have no chance of living, and dates can be a depressing experience when the girls bluntly tell the men they probably will never go out with them again, and granted, this is before their first date even starts.

Ricky Gervais plays Mark Bellison, a screenwriter who is on the brink of losing his job. He goes on a date with Anna McDouglies (Jennifer Garner) and although they hit it off nicely, Anna has no desire to see him again, because he doesn’t have a stable job and he’s a poor genetic match due to his potbelly and pig-like nose.

Mark’s luck changes for the better when he tells the world’s first lie. In order to get enough money for rent, he tells the bank teller that he has \$800 in his account, when he only has \$300. The teller assumes it’s just a computer glitch and gives him the \$800. After that moment, Mark’s life changes and he realizes that in this truthful society, everyone believes what you say, no matter how outrageous it becomes.

For the first 30 minutes, “The Invention of Lying” is an extremely clever comedy. The writers (Gervais and Matthew Robinson) do a splendid job at showing us how



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this world works little by little. We see advertisements like “Drink Coke ... because it’s famous,” and “Drink Pepsi ... when you’re all out of Coke.” We also see the truthful way they make movies and their non-religious outlook on the afterlife. The humor really works here because we see how our society is so much different from theirs, simply because we don’t give completely honest answers. We’re too worried about offending others and it’s in this stark difference that makes “The Invention of Lying” genuinely funny ... well, for the first 30 minutes.

Once Mark tells his first lie, the movie starts to have problems. It simply tries to fit in too much. It continues to show the aspects of this alternate reality, but it also adds a satirical element that criticizes the creation of Christianity and a romantic comedy subplot between Mark and Anna. With all of these elements going on at once, the writers are unable to develop anything properly. The alternate reality becomes less and less interesting as the movie progresses.

The satire, which is the most interesting part of the second half, feels very much like a side note, and the romance feels forced. Garner and Gervais are never able to develop any chemistry between one another and the writers are forced to throw in quick manipulative montages that play along to happy tunes, and a bunch of schmaltzy dialogue. I swear, if another romantic comedy has a scene where the characters tell everything they love about one another I’m going to throw something at the screen.

I admire the film’s ambition, and overall, it was an enjoyable experience. I just wish the makers had pulled back the reigns a bit, because they simply try to do too much in a limited amount of time.

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Rebellious teen movie delivers



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“Youth in Revolt”

★★★★☆

Movie review by Aaron Weiser

In Miguel Arteta’s new film, “Youth in Revolt” Michael Cera stars in the role of Nick Twisp whose dysfunctional mother (Jean Smart) and her lover (Zach Galifianakis) drag him to a trailer park in California. A passive and generally unattractive teen in all of his roles, Cera steps up to the plate once again. As we’ve seen him do before, he stumbles upon an unlikely courtship that will test the very bounds of humanity and geekdom.

Driven away by angry sailors because Galifianakis sold them a junker car, Twisp finds himself in a strange new world. Walking to the shower house one morning, he bumps into Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday) and is mesmerized at first sight.

Saunders’s story is less than perfect in this twisting family of teen romance. A crazed family bent on religious zealotry, Sheeni was oppressed enough and is taking out her revolution through this new meeting with Nick.

Through a chaotic rush of awkward meetings, the two kick off a summer-time love which is abruptly brought to a halt when the Galifianakis throws out his back and must go home for his pain pills. Caught between wanting what he’s never had and what he cannot change, Twisp decides to create an alter ego.

Francois Dillinger, bad boy, French, and the man of Sheeni’s dreams. There are a number of scenes where the suspense is played out as an argument between the two personalities on one screen. A bit confusing at first, but a rather well-played bit of directing, Francois takes over after arguing that Nick has been ruining their lives until this point and he was going to get the girl.

Determined to get to Sheeni Francois and Nick set off on a rampage. Stealing his mother’s car and in the process, setting a \$5 million fire, Twisp travels around California as a rebel from the law. From shrooms to illegal aliens Thanksgiving dinner, there is certainly anything but a letdown in this movie.

Cera’s performance in this movie is just above par for his usual course. A slightly raunchy teen movie full of lack-luster appeal and awkward sexual desire, if you have enjoyed his movies you surely will enjoy this one too. If his movies have always been on the almost too awkward for you side of the world, this one is probably one to skip. From the animated sexual positions scene while Cera is drugged to the strangely put together dialogues, you have to be that kind of fan to enjoy this movie. In a very Juno-esque style this movie is worth seeing if you want a simple laugh or to realize that your life simply isn’t that bad.

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Big future for K-State women



Paul Harris

I have been critical of Deb Patterson in the past. I was unhappy with how her teams finished the season. Last year with a talented and experienced roster, Patterson was unable to guide her team into the Sweet 16. Maybe Patterson's style bugs me, maybe it's the reliance on the jump shots. I am not sure why I could not see how great of a coach Patterson is until this season.

After being dealt the worst hand she has had in a long time, Patterson stayed composed and calm. She did not hold punches at media day either. She said she expected her team to finish near the bottom of the Big 12 Conference. Her team, though, came firing out of the gate with a huge win over a ranked Kansas team. Patterson has beaten Kansas so many times during her tenure that a win is just expected; it's like a free space on a bingo card. After beating the Jayhawks by 24, her squad traveled to Missouri.

While the team started slowly, they pushed the tempo and rained shots on the hapless Tigers. The last two games have proven difficult for this young team. But the telling trait of any Patterson-coached team is their inability to just die.

Even against Colorado, where the Cats built a house on the floor of Bramlage, they battled and hung with a Buffaloes team desperate for their second conference win. Obviously, moral victories are pointless for most coaches, but this season has been a huge one so far.

Junior guard Kelsey Hill was expected to handle the point guard duties for this team, but an injury during practice has sidelined Hill for the rest of the season, so Patterson reluctantly handed the reigns over to her inexperienced trio of guards.

While it is difficult to send seniors Kari Kincaid and Ashley Sweat out on a sour note, this season will serve as a great building block for K-State in the next three years. This team has received its fair share of lumps, but has battled.

To be honest, this team has lost eight games, but four to five of those games, K-State let slip away. With a more experienced team, K-State has probably lost three to four games at this juncture.

Brittany Chambers has done an admirable job at point. Her shot is quick and while the arc of the ball gets dangerously close to the scoreboard, it is effective. Taelor Karr has a grit and toughness about her. In the open court, Karr is very dangerous. It is unfair to her to make the comparison, but she reminds me of Shalee Lehning. She sees plays before they open up and will learn to settle herself down as she ages. Mariah White has all the tools needed for a great point guard. She made one move against Colorado where she faked the pass outside, froze the defender and put the lay-up in uncontested.

The only question left for Patterson to answer is how is she going to find minutes for all of these players.

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Wildcats to play Nebraska

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

Coming off a less-than-spectacular performance Wednesday night, things do not get any easier for the Wildcats this weekend playing at the University of Nebraska.

"They are really playing solid, solid ball," head coach Deb Patterson said. "They are as tough and as mature a group as I think I've seen in the Big 12. I think they'll match anyone."

K-State (10-8, 2-2 Big 12 Conference) will travel to Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday to battle No. 7 Nebraska (16-0, 3-0). Playing the strongest team in the conference, K-State will search for a win in a series of losses, but Patterson said the team has to refresh its basic skills first.

"In preparation for Nebraska we went back to the nuts and bolts of what we have to do every trip up the floor," Patterson said. "What each individual has to get better at, what we didn't answer in the last game - every fundamental element."

Nebraska has a perfect record thus far, with their most recent victory over Baylor last Sunday. Of their sixteen games, only three have been claimed by fewer than 10 points, while four have been by more than 40 points. But Coach Patterson said she is looking beyond the records, focusing on what her players are doing and not on what the outcome is supposed to be.

"My preoccupation isn't about anything beyond each individual trip up the floor," Patterson said. "What's the quality we're bringing? Are we getting better and bringing a level of intensity and work to be better?"

However, the outlook for K-State is not as bleak as it may seem. Nebraska's players match well with K-State's across the court, leading one to expect a tough matchup on Saturday.

Nebraska's top scorer, senior forward



ward Kelsey Griffin, leads the team with 18.8 points per game, shooting 60 percent from the floor and 33 percent on three-pointers, with a season high of 31 points. In comparison, K-State's senior forward, Ashley Sweat, is averaging 17.6 points per game behind a 48 percent shooting percentage and 50 percent on three-pointers, with a season high of 33 points.

Below Griffin is senior forward Cory Montgomery with 13.1 points per game. The closest parallel on K-State's side is freshman guard Brittany Chambers, who is recording 12.8 points per game, making 48 percent from beyond the arc.

Griffin is also the top rebounder by far with 10.3 per game, leaving all players on both teams in the dust. However, the next



Photos By Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN
Top: Kari Kincaid, senior guard, drives down the court in the game against Colorado Wednesday.
Above: Mariah White, freshman guard, fends off the Colorado defense in Wednesday's game.

player in the ranks, Montgomery, is averaging 5.3 per game, compared to Sweat with 5.9 and Chambers with 4.5.

Coach Patterson, who praised Griffin and Montgomery as two of the strongest players in the conference, is also focusing on the individual traits of her players.

"Honestly, I just want to see us play some quality basketball that I recognize, compared to last night," Patterson said. "I'm just looking for something recognizable and competitive each possession. Let Nebraska take care of themselves and their unbelievably strong-willed, high-powered

offense."

In spite of the different season records, K-State leads the overall series between the two teams with 44 wins out of 74 meetings.

Tipoff is set for 11 a.m. at the Devaney Center in Lincoln. Fans not in attendance of the gamecan watch on Fox Sports Network.

TRACK AND FIELD

K-State looks to build off solid home meet in Feburary

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

The last time the K-State track and field team put its skills to the test, the Wildcats' efforts were rewarded with nine event titles and 13 personal records. However, despite seeing his athletes post solid individual results, head coach Cliff Rovelto was happier about the team's performance as a whole.

"After the break, there really weren't any spectacular marks," Rovelto said. "But the thing that was encouraging was that, for the most part, people were able to duplicate what they did before the break. Given that they were away for three weeks, that was encouraging that we hadn't taken any steps backwards."

The Wildcats will once again try to move forward when they head to Lincoln, Neb., for their next meet at the Adidas Classic on Saturday.

The one-day meet, which will take place at the Devaney Center, marks K-State's first look at Big 12 Conference competition, as the six-team field includes Missouri and tournament-host Nebraska. Other participants include in-state rival Wichita State and Mountain West Conference members Colorado State and Air Force.

K-State enters the meet ranked No. 22 in the men's poll, but will look to face a tough challenge as the Huskers currently sit at No. 4 in the men's poll and No. 11 in the women's poll.

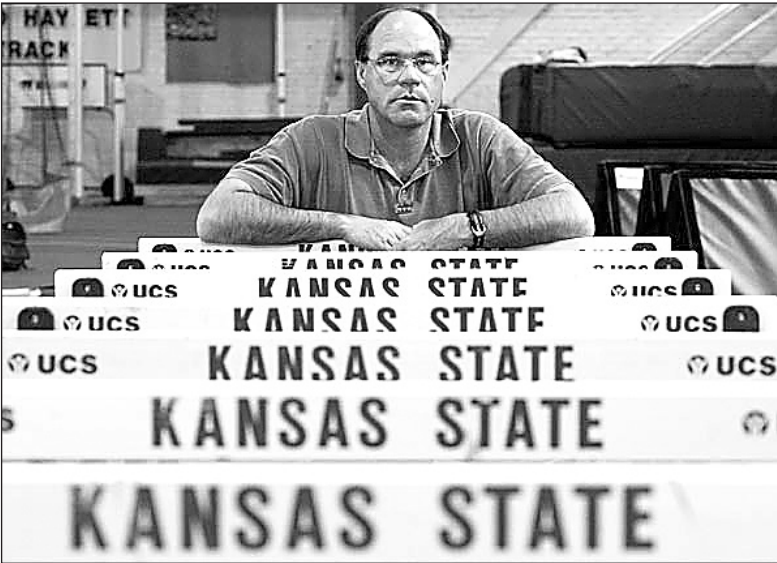
Although Nebraska appears to be the biggest threat among K-State's five opponents, Rovelto said all participants could make things difficult for the Wildcats, who will compete in their first team-scored meet of the 2010 campaign.

"I think this meet will actually be a very good, competi-

tive meet for a six-team meet," he said. "Air Force and Colorado State have not necessarily really complete teams, but they have some events that they're really strong in. With those six schools, almost every event has some really solid competition in it. I don't think that there's anyone on our team that's going to go over there and not have really good competition."

K-State's list of participants is headlined by junior sprinter Jason Coniglio. Last weekend at the KSU Invitational, the native of Rockford, Ill., ran his way to a pair of event titles and bested his personal record in the 60-meter.

"I think [Coniglio] is making significant progress," Rovelto said. "I think he's getting to the point where he can be competitive as a scorer in the conference, which is a pleasant surprise."



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This is the first of three trips K-State will make to Lincoln this season. The Wildcats will return for the Sevigne Husker

Invitation in February and will make one more trip for the Nebraska Open during the outdoor season.

DANCE | Proceeds help fund Haiti victims

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“We just wanted it to be a way for students to do something to help out, and have a good time at the same time,” White said. “It’s going to be an event where students can meet other people who are like-minded and compassionate.”

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honor societies.

Many of the booths offered freebies, and students filled plastic bags with Frisbees, mugs, cookies, candy, SoBe Life Water, bracelets, buttons and more. Students also had the opportunity to create their own lip gloss, or have a custom balloon animal or character created for them by balloon artist Mike da Roving Guy. Glimpses of balloon pink flamingoes, monkeys, Mickey Mouse and the Energizer Bunny could be seen throughout the crowd.

Some organizations decided to get creative with getting their message out to students. Steven Sykes, sophomore in history, wore a costume made of plastic grocery bags and wandered around talking to people about the Society for Environmental Action. Sykes said the costume was an idea that had come up for Earth Day last year, but was not used because they did not believe they could find someone “crazy enough” to do it.

“I was like, ‘I would totally do that,’” Sykes said. “And that’s how the bag monster got started.”

Sykes said small children were scared of his costume, but most people found it entertaining.



Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN
Clarissa Sents, freshman in family studies receives her custom made lip balm at the winter carnival Thursday night in the Union. Lip balm making was just one of the activities offered at the expo's booths.

Rachel Helmke, sophomore in psychology, had signed up to be a spokesperson for Phi Eta Sigma’s booth, then decided to walk around and look at some of the other organizations afterwards. Some of the organizations Helmke had visited included the Pre-Occupational Therapy Club, United Methodist Campus Ministries and the Juggling Club.

Helmke said she enjoyed the Expo because she learned about organizations that she had never heard about before.

“It’s a great way to see everything K-State offers,” Helmke said.



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Merriewether finds success on hardwood, in classroom

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

Being on a Division-I basketball team is quite time-consuming, with either practices or games most days of the week. Keeping up with classes in the midst of practice and travel is impressive all by itself. Add in being president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and a ConocoPhillips SPIRIT scholar, and you have Chris Merriewether.

The senior guard's career—that is, his basketball career, as opposed to the job as a financial analyst that awaits him after graduation—began at home, where he would shoot baskets in the driveway before beginning organized play in second grade at the Martin Luther King Center in St. Paul, Minn.

“My dad had bought a basketball goal one Christmas,” Merriewether said. “It used to be low, but then it started raising and raising.”

His parents are both teachers in Jacksonville, Fla., but athleticism certainly runs in the family. His older brother BJ was a wide receiver at Harvard University and now works at Goldman Sachs in New York. His younger sister Keaundra is a shooting guard for West Florida.

“I taught her everything she knows,” Merriewether said, laughing.

In high school Merriewether won two state championships with Arlington Country Day School in Jacksonville, Fla. In addition to playing basketball, he served as president of the National Honor Society and was salutatorian of his graduating class. He also played two

years of football.

Merriewether said he chose K-State because it was the best opportunity for him athletically and academically. While he switched around a few aspects of his education plan throughout his time at K-State, his major stayed constant.

“I always wanted to be a finance major, so I never changed that,” he said. “I wanted to minor in Spanish and get a degree in international business, but that was just going to be too crazy.”

Merriewether thought he would be going into banking because he interned with Wachovia for three years, but the recent financial crisis and the fact he already had a relationship with ConocoPhillips (and a connection there through his former teammate Clint Stewart) persuaded him to become a financial analyst instead.

Coming in as a freshman walk-on, Merriewether had a slightly different experience than the players on scholarship. He said the main difference was he did not sit at the training table or receive as much food as the scholarship athletes, but he said on the court there was no differentiation.

“Athletically it was the exact same treatment,” Merriewether said. “They would praise me just as much if I made a good play, and if I had a bad play they’d yell at me just as hard.”

This season he is averaging 10 minutes a game, regularly contributing hustle, defense, rebounds and near-perfect foul shooting.

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Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN



ABOVE: Senior guard **Chris Merriewether** defends Texas guard **Justin Mason** on a layup attempt during the Wildcats' 71-62 win over the top-ranked Longhorns.

LEFT: **Merriewether** claps in celebration during the Wildcats' win over Texas on ESPN's Big Monday. The Wildcat win was the first over a top-ranked team since a 1994 win over Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse.

Matt Castro
COLLEGIAN

No. 10 Wildcats look to avoid let-down against Oklahoma State

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

Everyone knows the saying "Pride goeth before a fall." That is what happened to the men's basketball team the season before last; it defeated archrival Kansas in Bramlage Coliseum and then lost to Missouri on the road. K-State is now in a position to learn from those mistakes. After defeating No. 1 Texas at home on Jan. 18, the Wildcats have to put that win behind them and focus on Oklahoma State, whom they host at 3 p.m. Saturday.

On Wednesday, the Cowboys (14-4, 2-2) broke a two-game losing streak by defeating Colorado 90-78 in Stillwater, Okla. The Cowboys currently occupy sixth place in league standings.

"They're a very undersized team," Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels said. "But they play extremely hard. We owe them one because they're one of the reasons we didn't go to the tournament last year."

The Cowboy's boast junior guard James Anderson, who leads the Big 12 in scoring with an average of 21.6 points per game. Oklahoma State is 27-0 during head coach Travis Ford's tenure when the Cowboys have a higher



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Jamar Samuels and Luis Colon battle Texas' Gary Johnson on Jan. 19. The No. 10 Wildcats will look to stay hot when they face Oklahoma State this weekend in Bramlage Coliseum.

shooting percentage than their opponent. Cowboy junior forward Marshall Moses has been averaging nearly a double-double with 9.9 rebounds and 11.5 points. To continue getting those kinds of numbers, he will first have to contend with K-State's senior center Luis Colon, who helped hold Texas center Dexter Pittman

to six points last Monday, and junior forward Dominique Sutton, whom Samuels called "our defensive savior."

As the Wildcats come off a mediocre shooting performance (38.5 percent) against Texas on Monday, the guards -- particularly senior Denis Clemente and junior Jacob Pullen -- will need to find

a rhythm with their shots and balance out the offense. Samuels and junior forward Curtis Kelly produced the bulk of the scoring against the Longhorns. If the Wildcats can get off to a quick start and maintain momentum throughout the half, they have a good chance of getting the win; the team is 16-0 when leading at the half this season.

As if Clemente and Pullen are not enough to keep track of on the outside, the Cowboys will also have to look out for freshman guard Rodney McGruder, who played over half the game and had 11 points against Texas. Freshman guard Martavious Irving had a presence as well, helping out on the defensive end.

K-State had serious motivation going into the Texas game, not only because of the magnitude of a matchup with a No. 1 team, but for personal reasons as well. Samuels dedicated the game to his mother, who had recently had surgery, and Colon had just found out that a cousin in Puerto Rico had been shot and killed earlier that day. To duplicate the intensity that stemmed from that combination of motives will be difficult,

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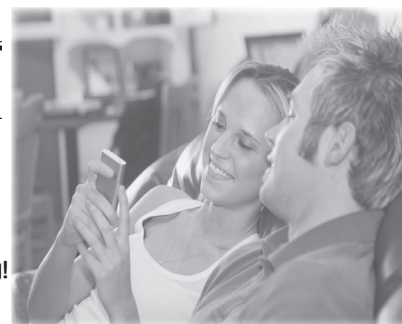
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Wildcats in middle of big season, should make solid tournament run



Tyler Scott

After K-State's wild win at home against the No. 1 Texas Longhorns, people are already making a few big predictions. Some of which may be a little exaggerated given that K-State beat a Longhorn team that had already survived some close ones before Big Monday's showdown.

I was skimming Yahoo Sports and was happy to see that many people were giving K-State credit on the win against a struggling top-ranked team.

However, when I came across Jason King's column on why the win shouldn't be considered an upset, which I agree with, he stated that the Wildcats have the arsenal to run the table and make it to the Final Four.

A win against Kansas in a cou-

ple weeks? Yes. A Big 12 Championship? Very likely. But a trip to the Final Four? I'm not sold on that one.

The Wildcats would most likely have to play Texas again, Kentucky, Duke, or Syracuse, (whom by the way is having one of their most impressive seasons ever) all on neutral courts. The mistakes the team committed in Monday's game would be a nightmare in a higher intensified atmosphere.

Don't get me wrong. K-State has become a more solidified team since the first game back in November, but I think the weakness would be the depth the team has. The bench consists of Nick Russell, Rodney Mcgruder, Wally Judge and Jordan Henriquez, just to name a few.

Neither of these players get a whole lot of playing time, but are still developing. The only time you see them on the floor is when the regular starters get into foul trouble.

While earning a bid to the NCAA Tournament, K-State would most likely start in Oklahoma City if they win the conference tournament. They would not be too far from home and could earn a win there.

Next they would travel to St. Lou-

is for a Regional round. Again fairly close, but with tougher competition. This is where the Wildcats may end their season. Texas could also be in St. Louis and possibly Kentucky if they wind up in the same bracket setup.

A trip to the Final Four would be amazing for the team and university. It would be one of the best finishes in team history and could put K-State on the map for an even bigger recruiting database.

This is the best K-State team I've ever seen play. However, with all the other college teams who are good, I don't think the Wildcats would be able to make as big a run to a Final Four or National Championship.

The NCAA Tournament takes the team's home court advantage away and makes it harder for a team to focus. This especially with how loud Bramlage Coliseum can be and leave your ears ringing for days.

Clemente and a few other senior stars will be gone next year, but the team could put up a similar status to this year with Sutton, Pullen, and some decent sophomores who should be developed well enough to play solid minutes.

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He's one of those guys that everybody needs one of on their team," junior guard Jacob Pullen said. "He's been here for four years, and you just know he really wants to win. No matter what happens, whether he scores 30 or three, he's going to give it his all every day."

If it sounds like Merriewether has it good right now, it appears it will only get better from here on out. His team just beat No. 1 Texas, he is engaged to marry Stacie Owens and he will move to Bartlesville, Okla. to begin his new job as a financial analyst for ConocoPhillips after he graduates.

He said Bartlesville is much like Manhattan.

"The people are great," Merriewether said. "I don't know if I could have done it if I went straight from Jacksonville to Bartlesville, because it's very small. It's very similar to Manhattan. You take out Kansas State University, insert ConocoPhillips and you've got the same town."

With all he has been involved with here at K-State, Merriewether said what he will remember most about his college experience is the people.

"Coming in as a freshman, even though I was a walk-on, they embraced me with open arms," he said. "I've got nothing but appreciation and thanks for them for that."

As to his motivation for getting to this



An inside look
at Chris
Merriewether

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point in his life, Merriewether said his parents told him to remember that he went to college to get an education and that he should be a student before an athlete. Before those heartfelt responses, however, he had a more tongue-in-cheek reply for his reason for motoring toward graduation.

"Eating ramen noodles - I'm tired of them," he said.

COWBOYS | K-State looking to stay undefeated in Bramlage Coliseum

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but now that the Wildcats have beat a No. 1, there should be nothing keeping them from defeating any other team as well.

"We've worked hard to earn some credibility," head coach Frank Martin said. "Credibility can go out the window if you allow somebody to come get you. The day you think you've arrived, then you've got nowhere to go."

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